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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sumihito Morita, et al.)
Serial No. 09/822,576)
Filing Date: March 30, 2001) Examiner: David Donald Davis
For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower)
Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator Layer Behind)
The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer in The Direction of)
Height of the Pole Layer, and Method For)
Manufacturing The Thin-Film Magnetic Head)
Group Art Unit: 2652

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPOSE
TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 14, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on July 14, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 21 in view of the following claim addition/amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.